MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): That point is under consideration.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know what these Munshis teach?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): They are Sanskrit Munshis.

Rail way from Trivandrum to Nagercoil.

38. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount already spent by Government in connection with the preliminary survey for the proposed railway from Trivandrum to Nagercoil;

(*b*) the year when this preliminary survey was conducted; and

(*c*) the object of Government in conducting this preliminary survey?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 38,719-13-8.

(*b*) 1923 and 1924.

(*c*) To construct the line when Government find it necessary.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether when the preliminary survey was made, Government had any intention to execute the work in the near future?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Not immediately.

MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member what actuated the Government to spend an amount of Rs. 38,719-13-8 as early as 1923 without executing the work till now?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given in part (*c*) to construct the line when Government find it necessary.

Anchal Office at Palayamkunnu in the Chirayinkil taluk.

39. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before them to abolish the Anchal Office at Palayamkunnu, Chirayinkil taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to (*a*), the question does not arise.

Veluthedattu Nairs and Public Service.

40. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Veluthedattu Nairs in the State who have passed the B. A. Degree examination;

(*b*) whether they have received applications or memorials from such graduates praying for employment in Government service;

(*c*) if so, whether they have been favourably considered; and

(*d*) if not, the reason therefor?

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